



WHAT IS BIG SKY RX? The Big Sky Rx program was created by the Montana Legislature to help eligible Montanans pay the premiums for their Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan. The program is administered by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

HOW IS BIG SKY RX FUNDED? The program is funded with tobacco tax revenue.

HOW DOES BIG SKY RX WORK? Anyone on Medicare can choose a prescription drug plan from one of the 47 federally approved plans offered in Montana. Big Sky Rx may be able to assist with the premiums for the selected plan.

WILL BIG SKY RX COVER THE COST OF THE ENTIRE PREMIUM? Big Sky Rx can pay up to \$33.11 per month toward the premium. In Montana, there are about 20 plans for which that amount would cover the entire cost of the premium.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR BIG SKY RX? You must be a Montana Medicare recipient who falls within established income limits. You cannot be receiving 100% assistance from the Social Security Extra Help Program.

WHAT ARE THE INCOME LIMITS? To qualify for Big Sky Rx, a single person can have an income of up to \$19,600 a year; a couple can make \$26,400 a year. (If either person works or is disabled or blind, the couple can earn even more.) You should apply for Big Sky Rx even if you think your income may be too high. Some income is not counted toward eligibility.

DO I NEED TO PICK A MEDICARE PART D PLAN BEFORE I APPLY FOR BIG SKY RX? No, absolutely not. You can apply to Big Sky Rx first to see if you qualify for the program. Knowing whether you qualify may make a difference in your choice of a prescription drug plan.

WHAT ABOUT MY ASSETS? ARE THEY CONSIDERED INCOME? No, assets do not count toward eligibility. Your “nest egg” (NOT SURE WHAT THIS INCLUDES, RETIREMENT PLAN? SAVINGS ACCOUNT?) does not count, but the interest or dividends you get from it annually does.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR BIG SKY RX? You can download an application from our website at www.bigskyrx.mt.gov and mail it in; e-mail us at bigskyrx@mt.gov; or call 1-866-369-1233 and ask to have an application mailed to you.